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NITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In Re Application of: Roberto FERRARINI Art Unit: 1761 Application No.: 09/834.622 Examiner: C. SHERRER Filed: April 16, 2001 Washington, D.C. For: A METHOD FOR TARTARIC STABILIZATION, IN... Atty.'s Docket: FERRARINI=2 Confirmation No.: 3909 Date: May 10, 2004 Customer Window, Mail Stop NON-FEE AMENDMENT THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS Arlington, VA 22202 Sir: Transmitted herewith is a [XX] REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS in the above-identified application. Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. 1 No additional fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown below: (Col. 1) (Col. 2) (Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY **CLAIMS** HIGHEST NO. PRESENT RATE **ADDITIONAL** OR RATE **ADDITIONAL** REMAINING **PREVIOUSLY EXTRA** FEE FEE **AFTER** PAID FOR **EQUALS** AMENDMENT TOTAL 19 MINUS 20 0 9 \$ \$ 18 x INDEP MINUS n \$ 3 42 84 \$ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM 140 \$ 280 \$ ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL \$ OR **TOTAL** \$ If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3. If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space. If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space. The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed. [] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. [] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below: Small Entity Other Than Small Entity Response Filed Within Response Filed Within First \$ 55.00 First Second \$ 205.00 1 410.00 Third \$ 465 00 930.00 Fourth \$ 725.00 Fourth Month After Time Period Set Month After Time Period Set __) already paid for ___ month(s) extension of time on _ [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$_ Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of § [] A check in the amount of \$ is attached (check no.). The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR

§1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees

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REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

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Sir:

Replying to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2004, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.